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SUBJECT: CSCE: SUGGESTED BASKET 3 TEXT -- BROADCAST AND
FILMED INFORMATION

GENEVA FOR US CSCE DEL

1. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THIS WILL BE A PARTICULARLY
DIFFICULT ISSUE TO SETTLE AT CSCE. THE BRITISH TEXT ON THE
SUBJECT CALLS UPON PARTICIPANTS TO "REMOVE ANY ARTIFICIAL
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OBSTACLE TO THE RECEPTION IN THEIR TERRITORY OF BROAD-

CASTS FROM THE TERRITORY OF THE OTHER PARTICIPATING STATES." THE BULGARIAN DRAFT WOULD REQUIRE PARTICIPANTS TO ENSURE THAT BROADCASTS BEAMED TO OTHER PARTICIPANT STATES "DO NOT PREJUDICE THE EASING OF TENSION, ARE OF A SYMPATHETIC CHARACTER, AND SERVE THE INTERESTS OF PEACEFUL COOPERATION BETWEEN PEOPLES AND STATES." ALLIES ARE UNWILLING TO ACCEPT ANY OBLIGATION TO CONTROL CONTENT OF SUCH BROADCASTS.

2. THE DELEGATION'S SUGGESTION FOR MEETING THIS PROBLEM -- PARTICIPANTS "WILL MAINTAIN THE EXISTING SITUATION CONCERNING BROADCASTS THEY RECEIVE FROM OTHER PARTICIPATING STATES" -- ATTEMPTS A COMPROMISE THAT WOULD, ON THE ONE HAND, COMMIT THE SOVIETS NOT TO RESUME JAMMING OF OFFICIAL BROADCASTS, BUT WOULD, ON THE OTHER HAND, LEGITIMIZE THE

JAMMING OF RFE AND RL, AS WELL AS VOA BULGARIAN BROADCASTS. WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO APPEAR OFFICIALLY TO ACQUIESCE IN SOVIET JAMMING OF THESE STATIONS.

3. THEREFORE, THE BEST APPROACH WOULD APPEAR TO BE A MINIMAL TEXT WHICH COULD BE BASED ON THE UK DRAFT ALREADY TABLED. THIS TEXT COULD READ AS FOLLOWS:
BEGIN TEXT

THE PARTICIPATING STATES...

TO FACILITATE THE DISSEMINATION OF FILMED AND BROADCAST INFORMATION AND ACCESS TO IT FOR ALL.

TO THIS END:

THEY WILL FACILITATE THE PUBLICATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE TIMES AND WAVE-LENGTHS OF BROADCASTS FROM THE OTHER PARTICIPATING STATES.

THEY WILL ENCOURAGE THE SHOWING OR TELEVISIONING OF DOCUMENTARY FILMS FROM THE OTHER PARTICIPATING STATES ILLUSTRATING THEIR INSTITUTIONS AND NATIONAL LIFE.

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END TEXT.

4. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH ALLIES, YOU COULD POINT OUT THAT PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH AND FIRST OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH IMPLY SOME OBLIGATION ON SOVIETS TO MAINTAIN STATUS QUO AND NOT TO RESUME JAMMING OF OFFICIAL BROADCASTS. INGERSOLL

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